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FROM	Chief of Base, Frankfurt	DATE 9 March 1961	
SUBJECT	REDWOOD/REDSKIN/AERODYNAMIC Cancellation of Plans for AECASSOWARY 37	HQ "49-8" - KINCK "X" ONE MARKED FOR INDEXING NO INDEXING REQUIRED INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY	
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REFERENCES:	A. EOFA 32967, 13 January 1961 B. EOPW 12026, 23 February 1961		
<p>1. In paragraph 5 of Reference A we stated that we would continue to develop AECASSOWARY 37 for the purpose of recruiting and training him in the capacity of a REDSKIN traveller or of a REDSKIN spotter. A/29 has been in contact with A/37 since the writing of Reference A and has elicited sufficient adverse information to cast doubts on the bona fides of A/37 and therefore to warrant the cancellation of our operational planning for A/37. We do not wish to alert A/37 of our suspicions of his bona fides and therefore will not break off our contact suddenly. We will withdraw slowly from the relationship and in due time stop all contact with him. In view of this decision we will not be able to provide Headquarters the information requested in Reference B, which we have just received.</p> <p>2. We are forwarding under separate cover a PRO Part I for A/37. We have attached to this PRO I the information which A/29 elicited from A/37 since it forms in fact a part of his biography. A/29 elicited this information during meetings in which A/29 was developing A/37 and was attempting to determine whether the wife of A/37 had changed her mind about A/37's proposed trip to the USSR. A/37 told A/29 that not only had his wife not changed her mind, but that in addition her parents were now strongly opposed to A/37's trip. Her parents were afraid that A/37 would be arrested by the Soviets and they refused to allow A/37's wife to accompany him. Since A/37's wife would not allow A/37 to make the trip alone, A/37 has decided not to visit the USSR this year. A/29 then inquired whether the family opposition was the only reason why A/37 had changed his mind. A/37 replied in the negative and in explanation admitted that there were some sensitive episodes in his life which he felt were sufficient to make him concerned for his safety while in the USSR. A/37 stated that he had not mentioned these incidents to A/29 previously because he did not know A/29 too well, because these facts might have raised some apprehensions on the part of A/29 and because the retelling of these events were unpleasant for A/37. A/37 said that he now realized on reconsideration that it was necessary to relate these stories to A/29 as an explanation of his change of mind. During these discussions A/37 said that he now planned to visit his parents and brother in Poland this year instead of visiting the USSR and, if possible, to make contacts with Polish artists. A/37 believed that he would not run any great risk in visiting Poland and that if he incurred no difficulty in Poland he could visit the USSR safely next year. A/37 then suggested that perhaps his brother, who lives in Poland, could visit the USSR easier than A/37 and would be able to relate to A/37 his impressions of the Ukraine on his return. A/37 said he thought that this would be a much safer way to obtain impressions for AEREEHIVE and that he had no doubts of his brother's reliability. A/37 added that he was waiting for an affidavit from his brother to the effect that he, A/37, would not become a public charge if he visited Poland, which affidavit is required prior to applying for a visa to Poland. A/29 was careful not to show too great an interest in the operational opportunity offered here and this matter was dropped at this point.</p> <p>3. The biography provided by A/37 is neither complete nor fully comprehensible and it is full of gaps and improbable statements. A/29 states that it is quite different from the first story A/37 told him. For example, A/37 told A/29 that he had never been arrested and now it appears that he</p>			
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was discussed by the NKVD on at least two occasions. ABOASSOWARY 29 thinks that there are four occasions when it was possible that ABOASSOWARY 37 may have been persuaded into accepting a full recruitment from the NKVD:

a. In 1939-1940 when ABOASSOWARY 37 was sent by the AERODYNAMIC group to join and penetrate the KOMSOMOLSK in Rogatyn;

b. In December, 1944, when ABOASSOWARY 37 was recognized and arrested by Moishe GOLD, in Magvixna;

c. In 1946 or 1947 when ABOASSOWARY 37 was approached in Aschaffenburg by the Soviet Repatriation Commission and when he made a trip to their offices in Frankfurt;

d. Sometime in 1956 in connection with the release of his parents and brother from Siberia and their resettlement in Poland.

4. Although we feel there is a fairly strong possibility that ABOASSOWARY 37 was recruited at one time or another, there are a few factors which seem to argue against this conclusion:

a. ABOASSOWARY 37 told ABOASSOWARY 29 a derogatory story of his own past when it was not to his interest to do so, when he really could have concealed this story without too much fear of our being able to check it, and when he could have devised other reasons for not going to the USSR if this was his intention.

b. ABOASSOWARY 37's parents were deported to Siberia, according to his story, and were released after ten years in 1956 during the amnesty period.

c. ABOASSOWARY 37 has had only a very limited interest in the Ukrainian emigre affairs and his only affirmative act was to re-enlist in AERODYNAMIC in 1954-55, the period after the split within the group. He does not seem to have the normal type of his assignment of penetrating an emigre group. These factors are not conclusive in themselves and we do not feel that they constitute sufficient evidence to offset or rebut our suspicions.

5. ABOASSOWARY 29 assesses ABOASSOWARY 37 as being an intelligent individual with rather a wide knowledge and experience in operational work. However, he sees him as a slightly naive and sentimental person with a Bohemian touch. ABOASSOWARY 37 is inclined to make colorful presentations of all events, particularly those of his own life and deeds, and tends to dramatize and exaggerate these events. ABOASSOWARY 37 is very alert and quick in thought and he often talks and acts on the spur of the moment. Consequently he sometimes is compelled, by sober thought, to slow down and to retreat from a stated position. ABOASSOWARY 29 feels that he not only has a slightly Bohemian touch, but also a strong inclination to adventure and risk-taking. The result is, ABOASSOWARY 29 thinks, a slightly split personality. On the one hand ABOASSOWARY 37 is devoted to his wife, his Gospel, his art and his normal life. His war activities, particularly his escape from the NKVD on 6 January 1945, Christmas Eve, have changed him to religious studies and to painting. He reads the Bible a great deal and his library is filled with religious books of all kinds. His main theme of painting are religious subjects and he has become an Evangelist. On the other hand he cannot completely rid himself of the inherent restive, adventuresome elements, which have been fully developed in the past. ABOASSOWARY 29 noticed that this dual personality permeated his political and social convictions. ABOASSOWARY 37 proceeds to be

... cosmopolitan and internationalist, with a touch of religious pacifism, but to the same time his attachment to the Ukraine, its people and problems makes him a very patriotic and nationalistic individual in a somewhat militant manner. He is at the same time a patriotic nationalist Ukrainian, but is very critical of the old nationalistic politics of the old AERODYNAMIC group. He believes that today the AERODYNAMIC group abroad should take into account present reality in the Ukraine and not reject out of hand all things which the Communists have instituted. He believes it is essential to help the Ukrainian Communists to increase their position within the Soviet Bloc, to pressure the Russians into agreeing now to a genuine partnership with the Ukrainians in the future and to refrain from rejecting in advance the concept of a Russian-Ukrainian commonwealth.

6. He reviewed with AECASSOWARY 29 the circumstances of the re-recruitment of AECASSOWARY 37 by AERODYNAMIC. AECASSOWARY 29 did not know the details himself and therefore made some inquiries from trusted AERODYNAMIC members in Munich. AECASSOWARY 37 had been a member of the original AERODYNAMIC in 1935-1941 period, which fact was known to these trusted members who knew him at that time. Therefore the acceptance of AECASSOWARY 37 into AERODYNAMIC group in 1954-1955 was a routine affair. However, the details of this re-recruitment are not known here. AECASSOWARY 37 came into contact with AERODYNAMIC members, but AECASSOWARY 29 was not able to determine whether AECASSOWARY 37 made the first move toward the group or whether the group made the first move towards him. AECASSOWARY 29 felt that in all probability AECASSOWARY 37 attended some evening social party or lecture and that the initial suggestion of joining could have come from either side. The details of the final processing into the group including the identity of the officiating members are not known. No special oath was required because AECASSOWARY 37 had been a previous member, but AECASSOWARY 37 would have had to agree to undertake any responsibilities that might be required. AECASSOWARY 29 said that in Munich there was some thought that BESANA had performed the final steps. However, AECASSOWARY 29 and AECASSOWARY 6 had more or less come to the conclusion that BESANA had not participated. This is in contradiction to the statement of BESANA made in a radio broadcast from the Soviet Union (See MEMO 2885). Moreover, AECASSOWARY 29 stated that BESANA's statement is probably false. AECASSOWARY 29 said that the circumstances of the "escape" of BESANA was very similar to AECASSOWARY 37, but that BESANA had been suspected of having RIB ties almost from the beginning, whereas AECASSOWARY 37 was not suspected. BESANA had demanded and received a "special Court" of AERODYNAMIC and soon thereafter reflected to the USSR. AECASSOWARY 29 feels that BESANA might have intended to implicate AECASSOWARY 37. Volodymyr WOLOSZYK told AECASSOWARY 29 that AECASSOWARY 37 had voiced certain suspicions of BESANA after the trial, but did not give any details. AECASSOWARY 29 is hopeful that other members of AERODYNAMIC, including AECASSOWARY 8, might be able to provide further details of this re-recruitment of AECASSOWARY 37.

7. AECASSOWARY 29 also provided some background for the selection of AECASSOWARY 37 as a spotter for REDSKIN leads. AECASSOWARY 29 has a list of AERODYNAMIC members and collaborators and searched this list for those members who were German citizens. AECASSOWARY 37 was one of those members with German citizenship and AECASSOWARY 29 remembered that he had met AECASSOWARY 37 in previous years. AECASSOWARY 29 then asked other members in Munich about AECASSOWARY 37, particularly Volodymyr WOLOSZYK, and received a favorable report in the sense that no one had any derogatory information concerning AECASSOWARY 37. He then asked for traces which were negative and obtained a POA on AECASSOWARY 37. AECASSOWARY 29 contacted AECASSOWARY 37 for the purpose of developing and using him as a REDSKIN spotter and then discovered that AECASSOWARY 37 was interested in making a trip to the USSR himself. AECASSOWARY 37 has been

contacting ALCASSOWARY 37 under his cover of REFERRIVE, and for admitted purposes, but has had to use his true name since ALCASSOWARY 37 had known him in earlier years. ALCASSOWARY 37 is not aware of ALCASSOWARY 29's true purpose in Europe and is unwitting of KODAK's involvement. ALCASSOWARY 37 can reach ALCASSOWARY 29 only through an American Express address, which ALCASSOWARY 29 gave him on the grounds that he was not firmly established in Germany.

8. In view of all these circumstances we have decided that we cannot use ALCASSOWARY 37 as either a REDSKIN traveller or as a REDSKIN spotter until all doubts have been resolved. We do not see how we can resolve these doubts without involving ALCASSOWARY 29 to the point where his real mission as a REDSKIN FA is seriously jeopardized. We have decided therefore to withdraw from the situation as smoothly as possible in order not to arouse ALCASSOWARY 37's suspicions in case he is an KIS agent. Fortunately ALCASSOWARY 37's decision not to go to the USNR makes it unnecessary for us to concoct a devious reason for not sending him. We will be able to negate any suggestions of leaks he may submit on grounds of language qualification or other reasons. ALCASSOWARY 29 will continue to see ALCASSOWARY 37 from time to time, but on a diminishing scale until the contact has been dropped. We have decided against attempting to transfer the case to a CII case officer since such a transfer would raise certain risks of exposure of ALCASSOWARY 29 which we do not wish to undertake, and because our evidence at this time is insufficient to warrant an all out effort. However, ALCASSOWARY 29 will continue to elicit further information from ALCASSOWARY 37 if the occasion arises. We would like to suggest that all the pertinent information be passed to ALCASSOWARY 2 so that his knowledge and opinion can be ascertained. ALCASSOWARY 29 has asked in particular that the names and incidences in the biography of ALCASSOWARY 37 be passed to ALCASSOWARY 2 to enable him to check the veracity of these points. We would welcome any further comments Headquarters may wish to make.

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